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PRESS RELEASE

Seneca County Sheriff Jack Stenberg reports an internet scam that occurred recently in the Town of Seneca Falls. A private residence received a phony e-mail displaying an Internal Revenue Banner advising that the resident had a tax refund ready to be deposited in their Debit Card account. The e-mail had an attachment that asked for personal information such as a Social Security number, Debit Card number and PIN number.

The Sheriff's Office requests that all citizens be aware of this and other internet scams that surface during tax time. The I.R.S. does not communicate with taxpayers via e-mail. The Sheriff's Office also warns that opening attachments to these e-mails can possibly damage your computer. Citizens should beware of any e-mail asking for personal information—especially social security numbers and bank account information. The Sheriff's Office will continue to report these scams as they are encountered and requests that citizens report all suspicious internet activity.